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TECHNICAL MAP REFERENCE LIBRARY

1. The Engineer Division, EUCOM shipped the bulk of its captured maps and documents to the Intelligence Division (ID), Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), Department of the Army (DA), Washington, D. C. in 1947.

2. The remainder of the captured documents are held in the Technical Map Reference Library which is under the Intelligence Section, Engineer Division, EUCOM. The holdings consists of two copies each of all maps plus a few reference books. The contents of the entire library, including English language material, is composed of seventy-five cases of maps and ten shelves of reference books.

FIELD TEAMS

3. The Intelligence Section has two officers and six enlisted men who are constantly in the field collecting documents. Present area priorities for collection are: Bavaria, areas to the east of the United States occupation zone, and other areas. The main sources for document collection now are the German Universities and the German map publishing concerns.

CURRENT DISPOSITION OF MAPS AND DOCUMENTS

4. All distribution of maps and documents is made directly from the Intelligence Section to the agency concerned.

a. For map distribution there is a minimum requirement of six maps, two each going to the Technical Map Reference Library, the Army Map Service, and the State Department Map Division (now Map Branch, CIA). If sufficient copies of the map are not available, then the map is reproduced to make up the minimum requirement of six. Maps in excess of six are distributed directly to various agencies according to a disposition list.

b. Topographic documents are sent directly to the ID, OCE, DA. Copies of the transmittal lists are given to Document Section, ODI, EUCOM.

c. Nontopographic documents are forwarded to Document Section, ODI, EUCOM.

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CURRENT PROJECTS

5. German survey firms have been given the project of revising the 1:25,000 map series for the U.S. Zone. A U.S. Army survey team is covering the same area independently.

6. Scientists, both German and from the eastern areas, are currently writing topographic studies, most of which pertain to the USSR.

7. Some translation of documents is being done by displaced person personnel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Arrangement should be made for CIA to receive copies of translations made by the Intelligence Section, or, if that is not possible, sufficient data concerning the translations in order that possible duplication by this agency can be prevented.

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